

George Washington to Henry Knox, June 4, 1779, two same date, The Writings of George Washington from the Original Manuscript Sources, 1745-1799. John C. Fitzpatrick, Editor.

To BRIGADIER GENERAL HENRY KNOX

Morristown, June 4, 1779.

Dr. Sir: On the 2d. instant a part of the enemy possessed themselves of the fort on Ver-planks point, by capitulation; they are now throwing up some works on the point on this side. It would appear from a number of circumstances that they mean to press their operations against the posts on the highlands.

The militia are calling out for ammunition, and the supply for the army, as you know, is far from being sufficient. I would therefore wish you to send on careful and active conductors to hasten forward to the army, a competent supply, from the nearest magazines. I am,
etc.¹

¹In the writing of James McHenry. From a photostat of the original kindly furnished by Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, of New York City.